

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review

Minutes: September 13, 2016

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Vice-chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:06 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice-chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Booth, Davison, Jackson, Filippi, and Richard.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq., Assistant Administrative Officer Kathy Hague and Administrative Aide Desiree Campanini.

Absent from today's hearing were Commissioners Walker, Thornton, Pearson and Sylvester.

Minutes:

Commissioner Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to accept the August 30, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #160097: Robert Ornstein, Alfred Oakes and Attorney Thomas Liguori appeared for the property located at 4 Margin Street, Westerly. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) John Mackay appeared for the Westerly Fire Marshal's Office. Vice-chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant relief for the sill height to remain as is for the 3rd floor windows, provided the fire alarm system is connected to a municipal system. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160100: Wayne Patenaude appeared for the property located at 71 Park Place, Pawtucket. ADSFM Allen McVay appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Vice-chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant a time variance of one year to install a compliant fire alarm system, emergency lighting and exit signage, provided the building use remains limited to a place of worship and incidental Sunday school only. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160106: John Medeiros appeared for the property located at 964 Main Street, Pawtucket. Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) David Pastore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to allow the existing single-station smoke alarms to remain in

use with the provision that the nursing home owner make arrangements to have the smoke alarms in each of the patient rooms included in the fire alarm system quarterly testing. The motion passed on a (6) to (1) vote with Vice-chairman Blackburn opposing.

APPEAL #160107: Scott Sherratt and Attorney Norman Landroche appeared for the property located at 590 Main Road, Tiverton. ADSFM Thomas Mello appeared for the Tiverton Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plans to the fire marshal's office for the correction of all outstanding deficiencies and for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system in the outbuilding and one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board authorized the Tiverton Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated in accordance with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations sections 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160121: David Benevides, David Cook and Enno Fritsch appeared for the property located at 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence. DSFM David Cionfalo appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to allow the newly installed HVAC shaft to remain as constructed provided that additional above and below

ceiling sprinkler system protection be provided around the area of the HVAC shaft instead of fire rating the beams. The motion passed on a (6) – (0) vote with Vice-chairman Blackburn recusing himself from consideration of this case.

Old Business:

Keith Burlingame stated that the State is in the process of hiring a fiscal analyst for the building and fire code revisions. Also, the new Fire Code must be put into a unified format by August 31, 2017.

Open Forum / Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Davison and Jackson, to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Hague